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Filing Date JUNE 25, 2001

First Named Inventor TERRY D. BEARD

Art Unit 2644

Examiner Name BRIAN T. PENDLETON

Attorney Docket Number 115-21-099

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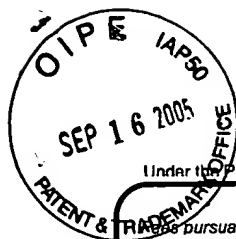
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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES****Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
50	25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200	100
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Multiple dependent claims

360	180
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Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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- 20 or HP =        x        =       

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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**Multiple Dependent Claims**

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\$65.00

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Docket Number (Optional)

115-21-099

In re Application of: TERRY D. BEARD

Application No.: 09/891,941

Filed: JUNE 25, 2001

For: MULTICHANNEL SPECTRAL MAPPING AUDIO APPARATUS AND METHOD WITH DYNAMICALLY VARYING MAPPING  
COEFFICIENTS

The owner\*, TERRY D. BEARD, of 100 percent interest in the instant application hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term **prior patent** No. 6,252,965 as the term of said prior patent is defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 and 173, and as the term of said **prior patent** is presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer. The owner hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the instant application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and the **prior patent** are commonly owned. This agreement runs with any patent granted on the instant application and is binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

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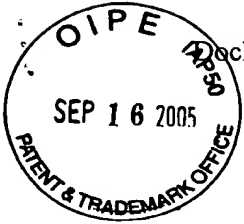
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Serial No. 09/891,941 Examiner: Brian T. Pendleton  
Filed: June 25, 2001 Art Unit: 2644  
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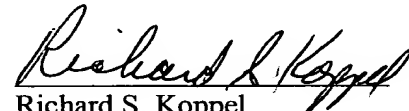
RESPONSE TO AUGUST 19, 2005 OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed August 19, 2005, a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over a Prior Patent is submitted herewith with respect to Patent No. 6,252,965. Since this was the only basis for rejection, all of the claims remaining in the application should now be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Date: 9/15/05

Respectfully submitted,

  
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